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1. WE HAVE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON ISSUE RAISED IN PARA THREE REFTTEL A. PAKISTAN WILL NOT RPT NOT AGREE TO OR EVEN ACQUIESCE SMOOTHLY IN ANY FRENCH CANCELLATION OF THE REPROCESSING CONTRACT. THE GOP WILL, IN FACT, RAISE AN ALMIGHTY FUSS ABOUT THE PERFDY OF THE FRENCH AND THE INJUSTICE OF USG PRESSURES ON PAKISTAN AND ON THE FRENCH. WHETHER OR NOT BHUTTO'S FATE HAS BEEN SEALED AT THATTIME, AND WHATEVER BHUTTO'S ULTIMATE FATE, THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WILL WANT TO GO TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO PROVE TO PAKISTANIS THAT IT IS NOT A WILLING ACCESSORY OR ACCOMPLICE TO THE CANCELLATION.

2. AS WE HAVE SAID, THE PROPOSAL BY THE USG OF A PACKAGE OF ECONOMIC AND POSSIBLY MILITARY ASSISTANCE ITEMS WOULD HAVE TWO TACTICAL OBJECTIVES (A) TO REDUCE TO SOME EXTENT THE VIOLENCE OF THE GOP REACTION, AND (B) TO TRY TO ENSURE THAT THE GOP DOES NOT QUICKLY ASSERT THAT IT WILL GO IT ALONE WITH ITS OWN REPROCESSING PLANT--AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT WOULD CAUSE SEVERE

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PROBLEMS FOR OUR ABILITY TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE. THE ASSISTANCE PACKAGE WOULD NOT BE DESIGNED TO GAIN GOP "AGREEMENT" TO THE CANCELLATION, WHICH WE THINK IS IMPOSSIBLE.
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